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## Hull Triumphs As Trade Plan Gets Approval

By TOM REEDY

Washington, April 27 (AP)—The House Ways and Means committee voted 14 to 11 today approval of the administration's reciprocal trade agreement program essentially as it was requested by the State Department after rejecting a series of Republican amendments.

The committee accepted one change, offered by Representative Dewey (R-N.Y.), that would include as a reason for suspending trade with another nation evidence that the country dealt with international cartels.

Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) said the measure, renewing for three years the State Department's authority to negotiate reciprocal trade pacts with other nations, would be presented on the floor of the House after the tax problem has been settled.

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## Strikes Threaten to Tie Up Soft Coal Industry

—Washington

By the Associated Press

Washington, April 27 (AP)—The government's wartime labor policies entered a crucial stage today as new walkouts and a threatened wave of strikes portended a possible nationwide tieup of the soft coal industry by the week's end.

While district leaders of the United Mine Workers gathered in New York for a policy committee with President John L. Lewis, the War Labor Board made its first appeal to the union leadership for help in stopping the spreading strikes.

Although UMW spokesmen said no strikes had been authorized, they pointed out that Lewis had not forbidden them, and the number of idle miners was estimated at more than 13,000 in the Pittsburgh and Birmingham areas.

In addition, a New York source close to the UMW officials said hundreds of telegrams were arriving at UMW headquarters, urging the union's negotiators to stand firm and informing them that miners were ready to strike at a moment's notice.

Most of the Pittsburgh and Birmingham operations are captive mines whose total output is used by the steel companies that own them. At least two commercial mines in Pennsylvania, however, were hit by walkouts and several thousand Southeastern Kentucky coal miners quit work while elsewhere in the state those who continued work were described by both operators and union leaders as "restless."

Bituminous operations in Alabama, Illinois and Indiana have received notice that the miners will not work after midnight Friday. These states do not come under the Appalachian agreement now in dispute before the WLB, but this dispute is the key to the situation, generally.

The board announced that a panel which is to begin consideration of the issues tomorrow will be headed by Morris Llewellyn Cooke, Philadelphia engineer who was the first administrator of the rural electrification program, as the public's representative, Cooke is the panel chairman.

Representing labor is David B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and engineers. The employer representative is Walter White, assistant to the chairman of the business advisory council of the Commerce department.

The WLB's initial telegram to Lewis, Secretary of Treasury Thomas Kennedy, and presidents of the districts where stoppages have occurred, appealed to the workers' patriotism. It made no reference to the board's policy of suspending consideration of the merits of a dispute while a strike is in progress.

"We call upon you as a leader of our union," it said, "to urge the workers to return to their jobs immediately under the plan as suggested by the president and ordered by the board so that a nation at war may have maximum production not only in the coal fields but in countless related war industries which are so vitally dependent upon their continued operation."

The board's order, on which Lewis has thus far made no comment, provides for extension of existing agreements until a final settlement, with any wage adjustments to be retroactive to March 31.

Lewis' principal demands are for an increase of \$2 a day, compensation for underground travel time, and contract terms covering the mine supervisory forces.

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## Duisburg Hit by 1,000 Tons British Bombs

—Europe

London, April 27 (AP)—Britain's biggest bombers blasted the great German inland port of Duisburg last night in "one of the heaviest raids" ever carried out against the Reich, an official British announcement declared today.

Seventeen bombers were reported missing from the attack, which an air ministry communique described as highly concentrated.

The language of the communique indicated that at least 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the city, the weight of explosives probably approaching that of the first 1,000-bomber raid on Cologne last May 30 when 1,500 tons of bombs were dropped.

The night raid followed blows by swift mosquito bombers late yesterday at railway centers in north-west Germany, in the Rhineland, and in France near the Loire river. All the raiding planes returned safely to bases, it was announced.

It was the 59th raid on Duisburg, which is situated 12 miles west of Essen at the junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers. The city, which is the site of many heavy war industries and an important communications center, was last bombed the night of April 9, in a raid from which eight bombers failed to return.

Last night's raid was the first time that British heavy bombers had been active since the sweeping assaults on Stettin, Rostock and Berlin last Tuesday night.

The air ministry news service said four -engine Lancasters, Stirling and Halifax bombers and two -engine Wellingtons met "one of the strongest defenses our crews have encountered for some time" in the attack on Duisburg.

Many searchlights were massed both inside and outside the town, the news bulletin said, and a barrage from hundreds of heavy anti-aircraft guns were encountered.

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## Allies Hold Hills Around Mubo, Near Salamaua

—War in Pacific

Allied Headquarters in Australia, April 27 (AP)—Australian and American troops now hold hill tops overlooking the village and airfield of Mubo, New Guinea, which is less than 15 miles south of the important Japanese base of Salamaua.

This was disclosed today in an elaboration at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters of a one-sentence account in the noon communique.

"Mubo: Our attack planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in support of our ground troops."

It was pointed out that these planes, Boston, twice raided the enemy Monday ahead of ridge positions held by the Allies, mostly Australians, and that their fire was directed particularly at a group of Japanese entrenched on a hill only a mile and a quarter north-east of Mubo.

Since organized Japanese resistance ceased last Jan. 23 on the Papuan peninsula at a point roughly 150 miles below Salamaua, information has been meager concerning exact positions of the Allies on the north coast approaches to the Hyon gulf. Patrols have moved near to Salamaua, one annihilating an enemy outpost of 20 men on April 16 within six air-line miles of that base. But the last skirmishing of note occurred early in February near Wau, roughly 30 miles southwest of Salamaua, during which the Japanese lost 1,000 men. At that time, the enemy troops were reported fleeing in the direction of Mubo.

Today it was pointed out the Allies now hold the trail between that village and Wau, which has an airfield. Allied planes almost daily make from 10 to 20 low strafing sweeps over Japanese positions below Salamaua. These raids reportedly have left the enemy poorly fed and badly in need of supplies.

Menaced Salamaua is so highly regarded by the enemy that they have tried frantically to run the MacArthur aerial blockade and reinforce it. First they tried the direct sea lane route but destruction of a 22 -ship convoy in the Bismarck sea in March discouraged that. They then resorted to supply -laden submarines. One was surprised and sunk March 19 while unloading at Lae. More recently, the enemy has endeavored to ship supplies far up the New Guinea coast for overland transportation, prompting MacArthur's airmen to bomb coastal roads.

Robb and another policeman, Benjamin Nadolski, said Lisk had accused his wife of accepting enemy's attentions and that she fled the home when he struck her with a rubber mallet.

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## Within 23 Miles of 2 Key Cities; Hit 80 Tanks

—Africa

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 27 (AP)—Allied armored forces have driven to within four miles of the Tunis-Pont Du Fahs road and have destroyed 80 German tanks in the big-scale battle which has raged since Sunday, Allied quarters announced today.

Further north, the British First Army infantry cleared 11 miles of the road from Medjez-El-Bab to Tebourba and reached Tunis railroad station, only 23 miles west of Tunis, front line dispatches reported, and for the first time since last November the Allies were again on the threshold of the Tunis plain.

The same reports said the French skirting the Mediterranean had penetrated to within six miles of Lake Achkel, which almost adjoins Lake Bizerte. (Apparently this placed the British and French within 23 miles of both the twin cities of Bizerte and Tunis.)

In the sector between Medjez-El-Bab and the Mediterranean, the Americans of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., continued an advance so rapid that German rear-guards were unable to bury their dead and assaulted the two strategic knobs, Green Hill and Bald Hill, the most heavily fortified mountains in the northern sector.

These Allied thrusts accompanied gains all along the 140 -mile front in fighting which the Allied headquarters communique characterized as of "increasing intensity."

They were participated in by Allied air forces which flew more than 1,000 sorties in an air offensive which the announcement said was of "increasing intensity."

Armored spearheads of the British jabbing southeast of Goubellat threatened to cut off the big supply base of Pont Du Fahs, 34 miles southwest of Tunis, which already was menaced by the much-feared Moroccan Goumiers who had driven northeast along the Tunisian dorsal to a hill overlooking the town.

The Goumiers "went like smoke" in their push on Pont Du Fahs from the southeast yesterday, front line dispatches said, and were within two miles of the objective.

The tank battle here, which appeared to be the key to the great fighting raging all along the front, had cost the Germans 20 tanks in the last 24 hours.

In the wild and deadly action first army armored columns had reached one point only four miles from the supply road running northeast of Pont Du Fahs, and a second column had battered its way to within six miles of the artery.

Among the 20 enemy tanks destroyed in the battle in which the Germans were believed to have committed all or most of their armored reserves were five 80-ton "Tigers."

The day's most spectacular air blow was struck by Flying Fortress which made their longest flight of the north African campaign and bombed Grosse to flying field, 30 miles northwest of Rome to give it a hint of bombings to come.

Losing hundreds of fragmentation bombs in two waves over the airfield, the Fortresses scattered destruction among parked planes and smashed buildings at the reserve German air force base.

In union with British First Army and American advances, the British Eighth Army infantry too made "slight advances" in difficult hill fighting, a spokesman said.

But the main theaters were on the Axis' west bank where British Churchill tanks had been used in some cases to climb peaks 2,000 feet high and support the infantry.

The American advance in the Jelfa area, too, was against "extremely difficult resistance," with the German rear-guards leaving heavy minefields behind to cover their general retreat.

But the Americans were reported making progress in the valley east of Sedjenane and west of Lake Achkel, whose western shore is only 17 miles west of Bizerte.

The communique said 260 prisoners were taken in the Germans' rock and concrete grottoes on Long Step hill, the eastern end of which finally was cleaned out to allow the British to advance on Tebourba, the gateway to Tunis.

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The implications of the supreme court decision are obvious—in a state where the majority of the cities are virtually border towns. The legislature can enact a higher sales tax if it wants to, but so long as goods may move in from out-of-state points tax-free a higher levy would yield less revenue instead of more.

What we have here is merely legal confirmation of the practical limitation that has always existed in sales tax legislation. You can collect only so much from the home people—and beyond that you force trade away from home, to out-of-state metropolitan centers, and to the mail-order houses.

This revives the question whether a "use tax" wouldn't plug the loopholes of the sales tax structure. The state of Iowa, if my memory is correct, adopted a use tax and used it to successfully collect the Iowa state sales tax levy against those residents of Iowa.

Arkansas should look into the matter of a use tax to catch interstate sales—but the everlasting truth is that the sales tax, regardless of its original form or any reinforcement we may give it, is most effective at the broadest base and the lowest possible rate.

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## Soviet-Polish Break Hurts War Planners

By WADE WERNER

Washington, April 27 (AP)—A diplomatic monkey wrench was tossed into the machinery for making postwar planning conferences today by Russia's abrupt severance of relations with the Polish government in exile.

The question now is, who speaks for prostrate Poland?

Until that is settled, some diplomatic observers here believe that the task of arranging for United Nations parleys has been immeasurably complicated. For a Soviet government which has denounced the Polish government in London as "in contact and accord" with the enemy cannot very well sit at the same conference table with that government.

In Polish circles here there was fear that the answer would be Soviet recognition of a new provisional Polish regime with headquarters in Moscow. As early as March 8, last, there appeared in Moscow a new Polish language newspaper, "Free Poland," dedicated to the creation of a "free, independent and democratic Poland" and openly hostile to the Polish government in exile in London.

Should a free Polish regime with headquarters in Moscow be recognized by the Soviet government there would be, in effect, two governments in exile, both claiming the right to speak for Poland but neither actually functioning in Poland.

The bitterness of Foreign Commissioner W. Molotov's denunciation of the Polish government in London would seem to rule out any reconciliation between Moscow and that government.

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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"Good thing you took that first aid course, mother, be-  
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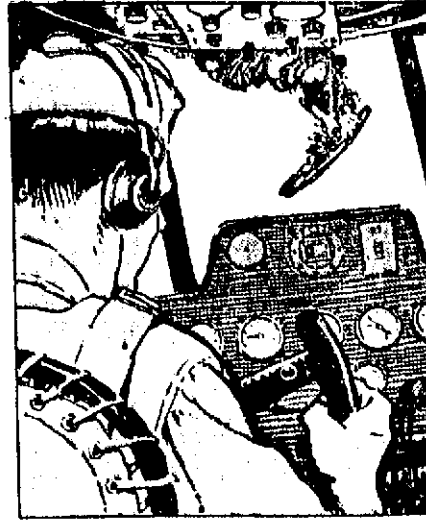
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"More to the right on the mortars!"



"Smoke mushroomed upward..."



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, Cont.—The bush that I dove into for protection was well populated with ants which crawled up my trouser legs, but such annoyances were secondary now. The sniper who had fired at me was still on my track. He had evidently spotted my field glasses and taken me for a regular officer. I searched the nearby trees, but could see nothing moving. Then a 25 cracked again and I heard the bullet pass. I jumped for better cover behind two trees. Here I began to wish I had a rifle. I should like to find that sniper, I thought. I had made an ignominious retreat. My dignity had been

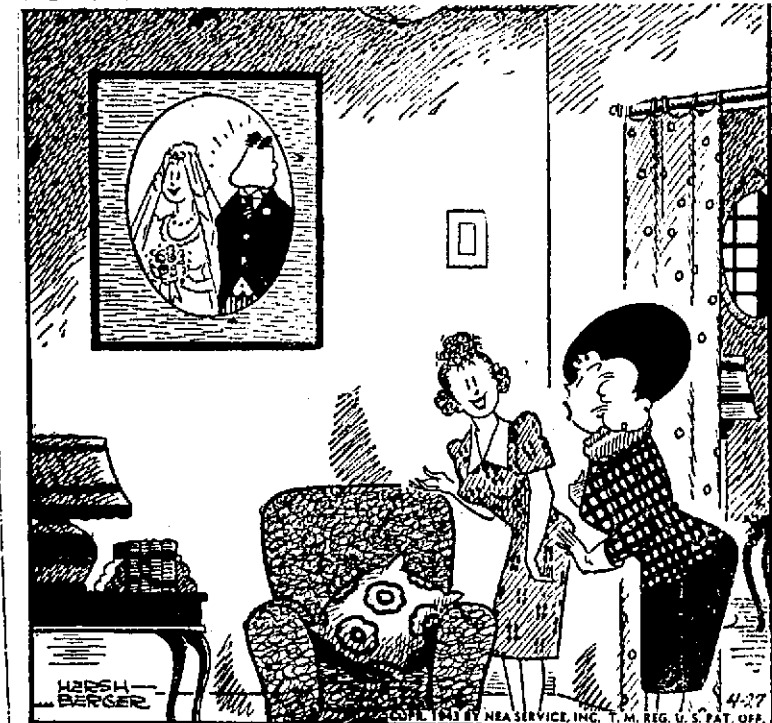
offended. The Matanikau sortie had become a personal matter. It began to rain—hard. A Jap 25 machine gun was sputtering again on our right flank and ahead. But the gun had been spotted by our "point" in that direction. In a few seconds we heard the crash of one of our mortar shells, ranging on the Jap. Then a muttered sentence, passed from mouth to mouth, came back from that area: "Pass the word back, more to the right on the mortars." A few seconds later I heard the "thwung" of the mortar firing. "More to the right on the mortars," was the word

that came back a second time. And then again, the thwung of the firing, the crash of the exploding shell—and grim silence from the Jap machine gun. I decided to return to headquarters. But the excitement of the day was not yet over. As I neared Kukum, I could see one of our B-17 bombers offshore, swooping down on a ship. Bombs dropped, a mushroom of dark brown smoke rose from a point just aft of the rear mast, and a torrent of smoke followed. I could see now that it was a Jap heavy cruiser, and her funnel was afire. The B-17 had scored a direct hit.

I could hear the sound of heavy firing coming from the Jap and see bursts of anti-aircraft shells in the sky. But the bomber had done his job. Now he climbed into the sky and headed home. The Jap was crippled but not stopped. He made for the passage that leads to the sea, between Florida and Savo Islands. Clouds of smoke were still rising from the funnel. Back at Col. Hunt's command post, later in the afternoon, I heard that Matanikau and Kokumbona had been taken. Only a handful of the Jap defenders escaped. (Continued tomorrow)

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## FUNNY BUSINESS



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"And this is my husband—he had a rather blank expression on our wedding day!"

## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



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"I'll never understand why that is... A hero gets his ribbon pinned on himself and a farmer gets his ribbon pinned on his pig!"

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople



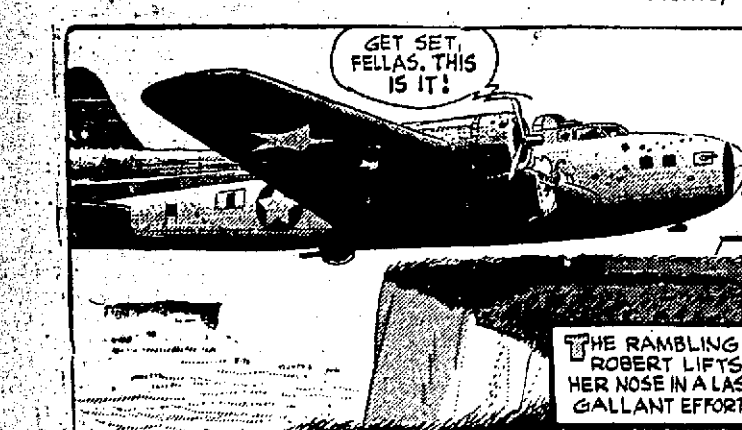
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"He and Jake were the two men..."

## Wash Tubbs

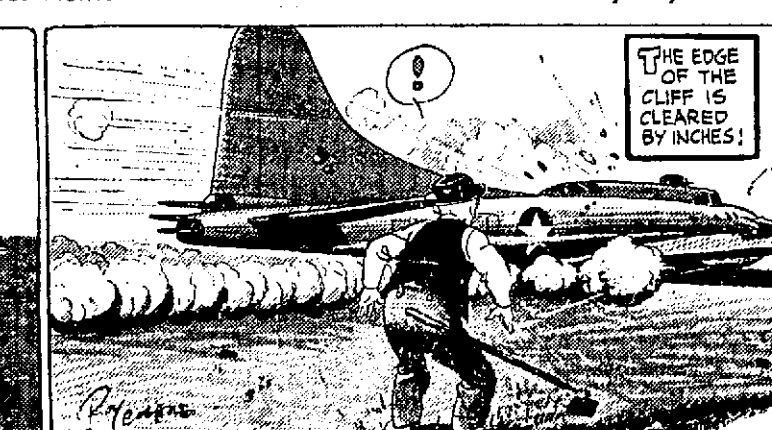
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By Roy Crane



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"The rambling Robert lifts her nose in a last gallant effort..."



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"The edge of the cliff is cleared by inches!"

## Red Ryder

But Not Both at Once

By Fred Harman



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"I remember this line the last time we were robbed..."



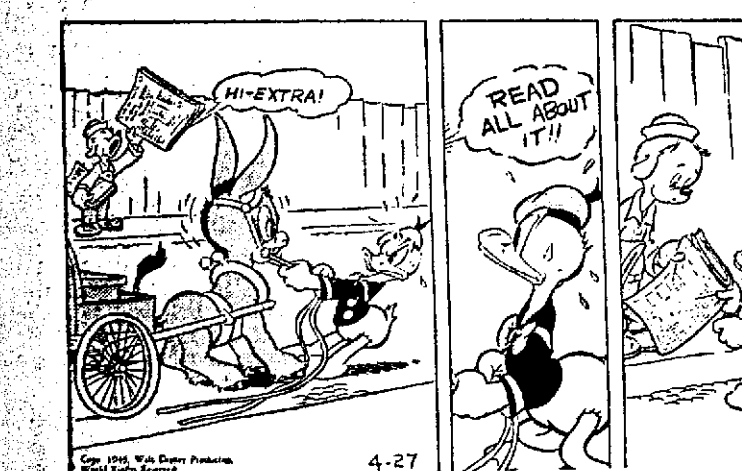
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"We'd better do as he says! I don't like the business end of that pistol!"

## Donald Duck

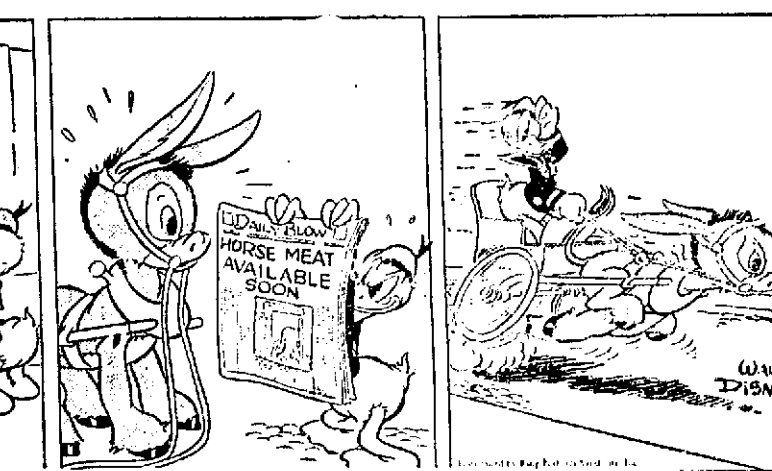
Good Horse Sense!

By Walt Disney



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"Read all about it!"



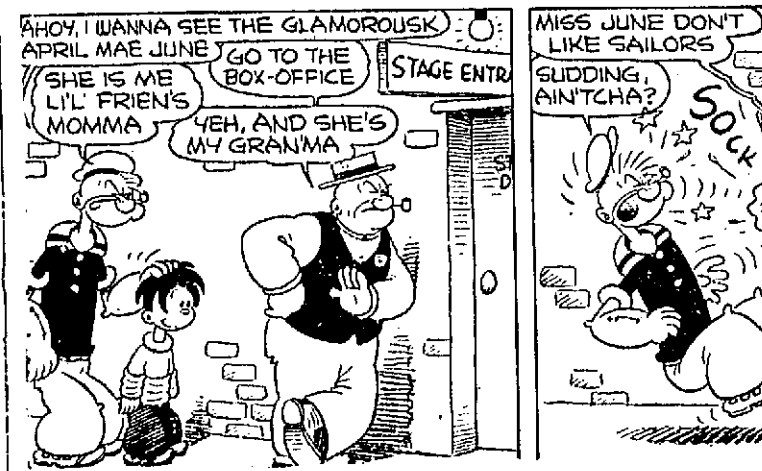
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"She is me, L'il friend's momma!"

## Popeye

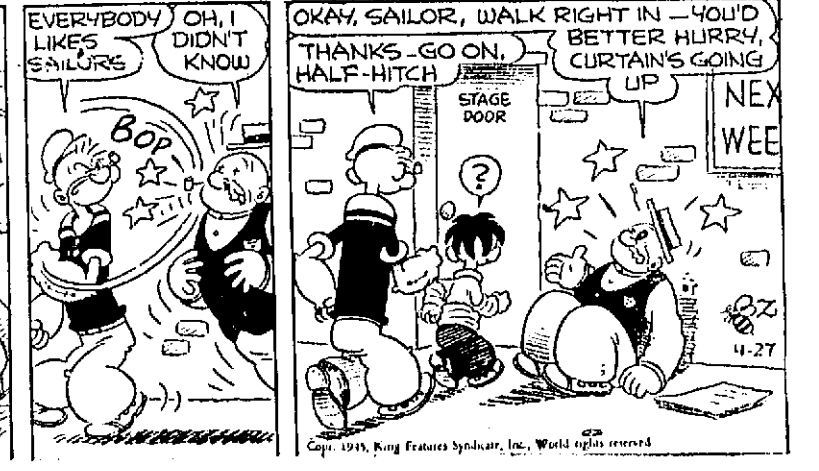
"Courtesy of Port!"

Thimble Theater



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"I wanna see the glamorous!"



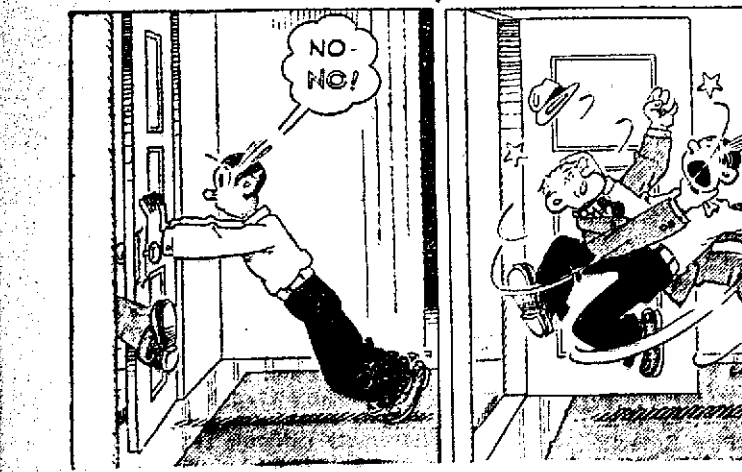
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"Okay, sailor, walk right in—your better hurry, curtains are going up!"

## Blondie

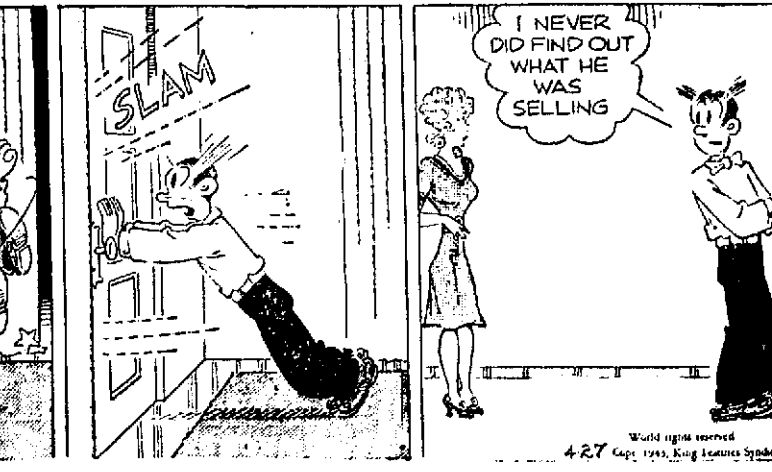
He was the Pouty Type!

By Chic Young



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"No, no!"



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"I never did find out what he was selling..."

## Alley Oop

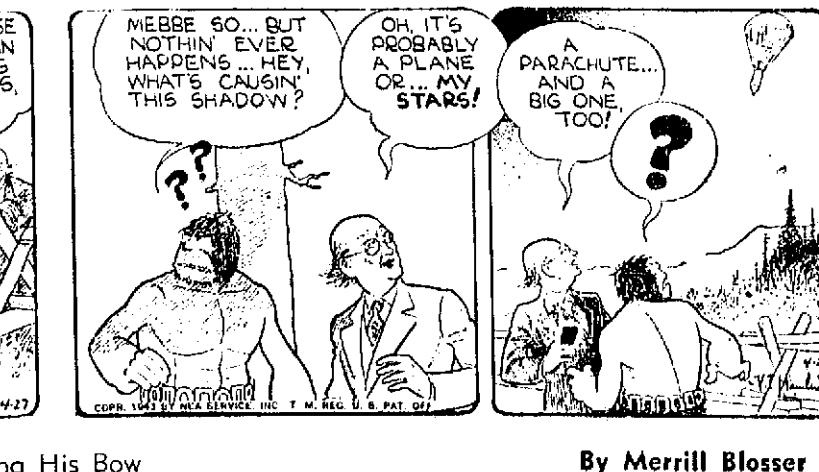
What's Cooking?

By V. T. Hamlin



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"So there's nothing the matter with you, huh? Lead me to it... this potato plant is getting me down!"



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"Mebbe so, but nothing ever happens... hey, what's causing this shadow?"

## Boots and Her Buddies

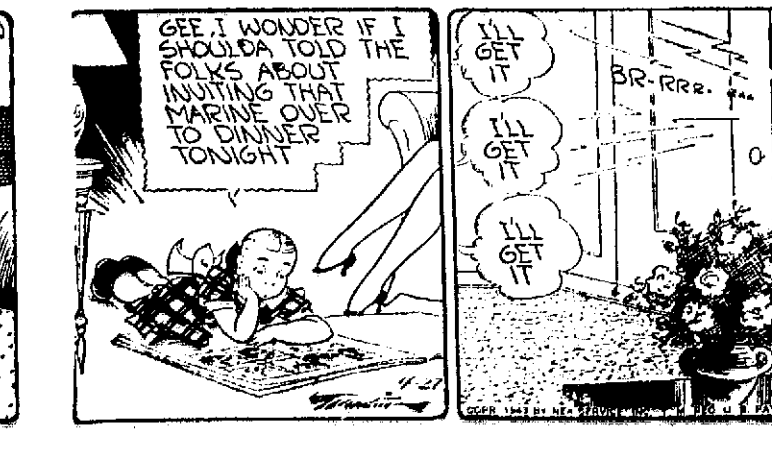
Me First

By Edgar Martin



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"I don't think I'll tell Corporal Brown and Rosie enjoy each other's company this evening..."



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"Gee, I wonder if I shoulda told the folks about inviting that Marine over to dinner tonight..."

## Freckles and His Friends

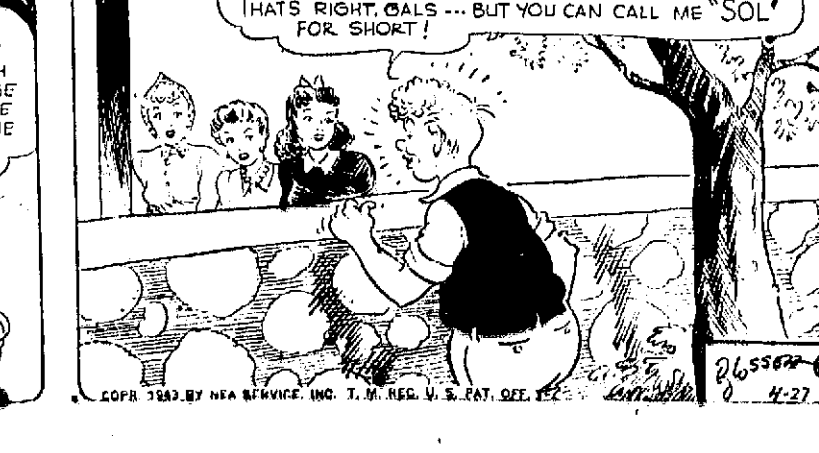
Taking His Bow

By Merrill Blosser



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"And that's not all! Mr. Scuttle has to keep the children's hospital supplied with fresh vegetables for a year!"



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"That's right, Gals... but you can call me 'Sol' for short!"



# Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor  
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

## Social Calendar

**Tuesday, April 27th**  
Mr. Edwin Hankins, Jr. will be hostess to members of the Cosmo-Ball club at her home on East 11th street, 7:45 o'clock.

**Wednesday, April 28th**  
The Friday Music club will meet at the home of Mrs. Garrett Story, 2 o'clock. All members are invited to attend. Copies of "Listen to the Lambs" will be required.

**Series of Parties for Methodist Church School Students**  
The children of the Pre-school group of the Methodist church were entertained with a series of Easter parties: the two-year group on Tuesday afternoon and the four-year group on Saturday afternoon. Friday afternoon Mrs. Jim Cole and Mrs. P. L. Hair served on the committee to complete arrangements for the party. Mothers of the children had the traditional colored eggs on the church lawn for the small guests to hunt. After the hunt, games were played and cookies and fruit juice were served from low tables placed in the nursery and decorated in the Easter motif.

On Saturday afternoon the teachers in the Kindergarten department, Mrs. William Wray, leader, Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Mrs. Herbert Voss, and Miss Evelyn Bryant, directed the hunting of eggs on the lawn and later served punch and cookies in the Kindergarten rooms. The serving tables were decorated with Easter bunnies and chickens. Eggs used in the hunt were cleverly dyed shells, filled with balloons, candies and other favors.

**Iris Garden Club to Share Meeting with Texarkana Club**  
Members of the Iris Garden club of Hope have been invited to a special meeting of the Texarkana Iris Garden club to be held at Mrs. Albert Easley's country place, "Eastleigh," on the Mandeville road Friday, April 30, at 2:30 o'clock.

Among the hostesses for the day are Mrs. H. J. Cheser of Hope. Members of the Hope club will be given an opportunity to view Mrs. Easley's iris, which are now in full bloom.

**Birthday Party Fetes Carolyn Gaston**  
Monday afternoon, April 26, little Miss Carolyn Ruth Gaston celebrated her fifth birthday at the Kindergarten.

After an hour of supervised play, the little hostess invited the guests into the kindergarten room, where the tables were attractively decorated with flowered cloths in pastel shades. Individual cakes embossed in pink and blue and topped with a tiny candle marked the covers of the guests.

Mrs. Paul Gaston served ice cream and cake to 20 young friends. The honoree received a number of lovely gifts.

**Turner-Reid**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reid of Spring Hill announce the marriage of their daughter, Laura Faye, to

Ernest Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner, also of Spring Hill. The double ring ceremony was performed Saturday evening, April 24, at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. W. R. Hamilton, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hope.

The bride wore a becoming dress of dusty pink with navy accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of sweetheart roses. Miss Mary Lee Rider was the maid of honor and only attendant. Monroe Rogers served the groom as best man.

Mrs. Turner is a graduate of Spring Hill high school and attended Magnolia A. and M. college. The groom is also a graduate of Spring Hill high school and attended Magnolia A. and M. college.

After a wedding trip to Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Turner will be at home at 306 South Pine street, Hope, where Mrs. Turner is in the payroll section of the Southwestern Proving Ground. Mr. Turner is an employee of the City Bakery.

**Lt. and Mrs. Rayford Camp Are Honored**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Camp were hosts Easter Sunday in honor of Lt. and Mrs. Rayford A. Camp of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

An all fresco supper was served the following: Lt. and Mrs. Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ozmer and children, Terry and Lynda of Shreveport, Mrs. Floyd Bailey and children, Marilyn and Ronnie of Gurdun, Mrs. Homer Ward and daughter, Anita Sue, of Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rider and sons, Larry and Bobby, of Palmos, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, Mrs. Winston Monts and son, Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fuller and children Carlene and Don, Howard Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Camp and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Huett and daughters, Frances, Carolyn, and Joann, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Camp and son, Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Camp, all of Hope.

**Coming and Going**  
Mrs. R. H. Ragan of Greenville, Texas and Mrs. Robert C. Ragan and young son, Robert Baker, of Fort Worth are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gosnell.

Leroy Murphy of the United States Coast Guard has returned to Baltimore after an extended stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murphy.

Mrs. William R. Parsons, Jr. and son, William Reed Parsons III, of Little Rock are guests in the home of L. L. Parsons's sister, Mrs. M. S. Bates, and Mr. Bates.

Petty officer Ray Turner of the United States Coast Guard, stationed at Miami, Fla. has arrived for a visit with relatives and friends in Hope and Lewisville.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Caplinger, Jr. and sons, Kelsie III, and Thomas Ray are vacationing in Fordyce with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. Price spent the past week in Shreveport, where she was joined by her son, Staff Sergeant Emerson V. Price of Camp Huett, Texas. They were house guests of Mrs. Price's sister, Mrs. Merle Howard, and Mr. Howard.

## Contributors to County Red Cross Drive

Previously reported	\$11,447.01
Hamp Muldrow	\$1.00
Lydia Howard	1.00
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Nazarene School Teachers	3.00
Gurnsey Teachers	26.50
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Oglesby 6 z Room	.60
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Total reported to date	\$11,637.81

## Library Notes

"The Human Comedy" by William Saroyan is the newest fiction top-seller on the "What America is Reading" list. Local readers will be interested in knowing that two copies are available at the Hempstead County Library.

Saroyan's first novel, "The Human Comedy" is the story of an American family in wartime, and in particular of Homer, Macaulay, G. W. Joiner

name you made that trip and look the way you do!"

Allison was on her way to bring the tea. "Perhaps," there was a note of troubled curiosity in her tone, "it didn't rain when you came through."

"It rained every day," Lila assured her. Barry's concern and admiration for his fiancée deepened as he and Allison rushed about rousing servants, having the small mule train that stood around by the front veranda unpacked and taken to the enclosure, getting her bedroom ready.

"You're thinking," Allison accused him tartly, when they had finally gotten the cheerful, uncomely, plaining Lila in her bed, "that she came through a whole lot better than I did."

"You're not as strong," Barry said. Allison accepted this insult with a resigned sigh. "If I hadn't seen it, though," she brooded morosely, "I wouldn't have believed it."

The next morning, as Allison and Barry ate their breakfast on the estancia veranda, the door opened and Lila strolled out. Barry leaped to his feet, "Lila! You shouldn't have gotten up!"

Lila kissed him peacefully and nodded to Allison. "Why not?" she asked innocently. She was in fresh white riding habit, her skin the color of a camellia, her dark eyes glowing with bright purpose.

"Because," said Allison bluntly as Barry seated Lila opposite her, "I wasn't able to. I wasn't able to move out of bed for a couple of days."

"Really?" murmured Lila with laughing surprise. "It didn't seem such an awful trip. I suppose I'm as strong as an ox."

She didn't look as strong as an ox. She looked slim and cool and exquisite and she knew it. Barry noted with silent amusement that Allison had angrily donned a faded shirt with the sleeves torn off above the elbow and worn, snagged breeches.

The Indian woman brought Lila's coffee. She refused the hot cakes hesitatingly and begged for a thin slice of toast. The servant hurried away for it, and she reached over to slip her hand into Barry's.

"Isn't the jungle fabulous?" she laughed. "Out of this world. It's really been an adventure for me."

Barry gave a chuckle of puzzled admiration. "It was a fool stunt," he said. "But I still don't understand how you survived like you did."

Allison suddenly pushed back her bench and got up. "I want to see Renaldo," she said harshly. "We'll be down at the cooking vats or around the Indian estancias if you want to show her around the clearing later, Barry."

She stamped down the veranda steps like an angry child and crossed the clearing. Renaldo was not among the Indians working at the boiling kettles. They smiled at her. She was good luck for them. Like her father had been. She told them she was glad of that, and asked where to find Renaldo. A swarthy chichero took her to a distant Indian shack, around which curious natives clustered in whispering groups. Inside, Renaldo was bending over two Indians, both of them obviously sick.

## Municipal Court

**City Docket**  
Oscar Powell, driving a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, tried, fined \$100, notice of appeal.

George Garret, running a "Stop" sign, forfeited \$1 cash bond. Merrill McClughan, incorrect parking, forfeited \$1 cash bond. Helman Mitchell, incorrect parking, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

A. D. Barrow, drunkenness, tried, found not guilty. The following entered a plea to a charge of drunkenness and were assessed a penalty of \$10 fine: Stephen Williams, Truman Downs, Jess Atkins, Mary Ella Green and A. B. Jackson.

The following forfeited \$10 cash bond on a charge of drunkenness: George Jones, Fred Guthrie, T. D. Tolson, Roy Davis, Finns Holyfield, Henry McGill, T. D. Wren, Harmon Powell, Joe Moody, Dalton Jones, H. E. Lockard, Joe Force, Bernice Boswell and Harry Abram.

**State Docket**  
Augusta Phillips, unlawful sale of wine, plea of guilty fined \$50. Ode Morgan, embezzlement, dismissed.

Singleton Bryan, Jr., speeding, forfeited \$5 cash bond. Fnn Lewis, drunkenness, plea of guilty fine \$10.

Beatrice Jones, cruelty to children, tried, fined \$50 and 3 months in jail, notice of appeal, bond fixed at \$150.

**Today in Congress**  
By The Associated Press  
Senate war investigating committee hears WPB Chairman Nelson and Petroleum Administrator Ickes on aviation gasoline - rubber dispute.

Joaquin valley. With all the qualities of warmth, cheer and humanity which have endeared Saroyan to his reading public, the book abounds in unforgettable scenes. Homer running the Two-Twenty hurdles; little

Ulysses imprisoned in the bear trap in Covington's store; old-time telegraph operator Willie Cragan, with a bottle in the desk drawer to fuzz the sharp reality of the overflowing messages of love and hope and pain and death; Spangler, with a love for the whole world and every living thing; Homer's older brother, Marcus singing as the troop train in which he sits hurtles away from home.

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They looked strange to her. She asked him who they were. "They came with the mule train that got in late last night," Renaldo told her. A scowl darkened his face. "That woman who came must be a devil."

"Why?" demanded Allison. "She rode out in a chair. These men carried it on poles. She made them run a good part of the way. They'll get over it—but they run off about 10 years of their lives!"

Allison gasped. "So that's why. . . ." Anger and malice mingled in her cry. "Why what?"

Allison whirled. Barry and Lila were standing in the doorway. There was a strained fear on Lila's face. Allison took a deep, malicious breath.

Barry's gaze had accustomed itself to the gloom of the shack and deepened with concern at the sight of the sick men. "What's wrong with the poor devils?" he cried.

"Overwork," snapped Allison. "They—" As she looked at Barry, her voice faltered. The gleam went out of her eyes. "They just overworked," she said quietly. She walked out into the blazing sunlight and Renaldo followed her, glaring at Lila.

Allison introduced him to Lila. As the tall Spaniard bowed, he all noted the change in his expression. His accusing scowl melted under a warm glow of interest as he turned from Lila to Barry.

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## Strange Kind Of Desert Camouflage

With the American army in French Morocco—(4)—A soldier's soldier is Major General George S. Patton, Jr., commanding general in the Moroccan campaign. During the hottest fighting at Fed- ala he drove up in his tank to a group of officers conferring by a grove of trees. He was dressed in old overalls and packed two ivory-handled pistols. He beckoned to him a bemuddled colonel clad in dress uniform and wearing bright red and green fourgeres— citation cords—on his shoulder.

"What are you?" the General asked, "A Christmas tree?"

The 16th Amendment to the Constitution giving power to tax incomes, was adopted in February, 1913.

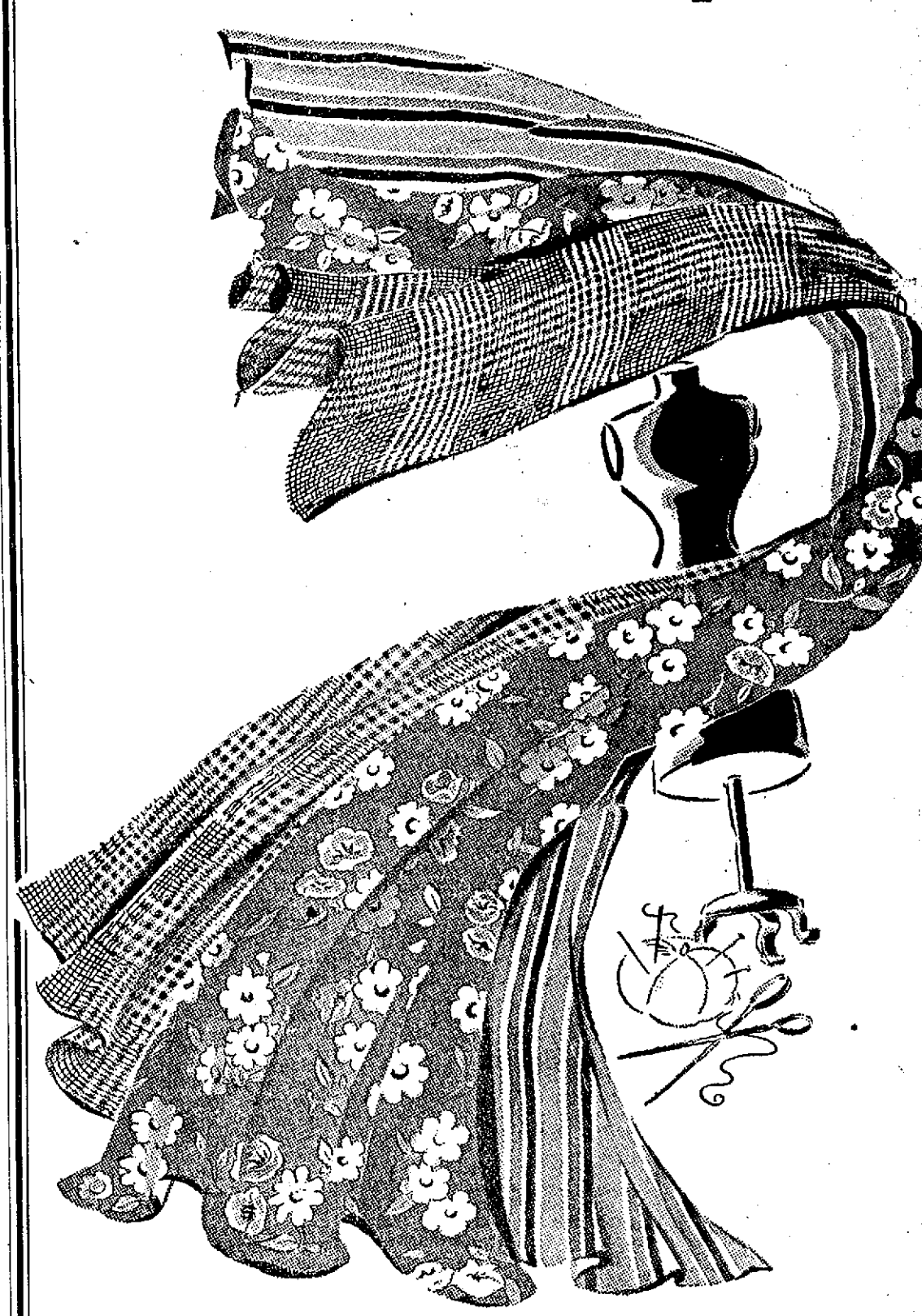
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## Treating Saves Peanut Seeds From Insects

Farmers who have planted peanuts in the past only to see the seed dug up and eaten by crows, salamanders, moles, and other pests are advised by Oliver L. Adams, County Agent, that much of this damage can be overcome by treating these seed before planting with a mixture of equal parts of pine tar and kerosene.

This mixture, he said, can be sprinkled or sprayed over the seed peanuts. Covering the seed with the mixture is not recommended since a little on each seed is all that is necessary. The mixture may be used on shelled or unshelled seed, but care should be taken in handling shelled seed not to bruise them or break the skin on them.

If the seed is to be treated Ceresian to control seed-borne diseases, the treatment with Ceresian should be done before treating with the pine tar-kerosene mixture.

For other practices recommended to increase peanut yields, farmers are advised to get a copy of Extension Leaflet No. 24, "Peanut Production in Arkansas," from the office of the county Extension agent.

## Fighting Family Has 41 In Services

Chanute, Field, Ill. —(AP)—Private Paul Coderre of the 907th Guard Squadron of the Army Air Forces stationed here, can really claim to come from a fighting family.

He has thirty-three cousins in the armed forces of Canada and seven more in U.S. service uniforms. Coderre comes from Worcester, Mass., and is of French-Canadian ancestry.

The first railway dining cars in the United States were operated between Philadelphia and Baltimore in 1863.



# Finland, Poland Affairs Headache to Post-War Plans

## Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By DeWITT MacKENZIE  
Post-war reconstruction in Europe seems to be heading into some dirty weather, what with Soviet Russia's severance of relations with the Polish government in exile, and the diplomatic ties between Washington and our once good friend, Finland, shivering in the balance.

Moscow charges that the Poles, "to please Hitler's whim," have been accusing the Reds of murdering 10,000 Polish officers. The Soviet says that the Germans killed these men, and declares that "this hostile Polish campaign" was undertaken to test territorial concessions from Russia.

So in this Russo-Polish imbroglio we have read-made one of the knottiest problems of an peace conference. Actually the Finnish refusal to abandon making war on Russia is a piece of the same cloth, for here again the question of territories is the real issue.

Interested readers can at this point pin in their hats the memo that territorial adjustments are being made to provide a lot of heart-burnings and we'll be luck if it stops at that.

Both the Polish and the Finnish situations are kicking up a lot of feeling. In this connection the National Committee of Finnish-American Trade Unionists, claiming to represent fifteen local committees spread throughout the country, has issued a statement in Newark calling on the United States to declare war on Finland as "an enemy of America and of the United Nations."

It asserts that the reduction of the American legation staff in Helsinki is "another warning that this will not be heeded by the Mannerheim (Field Marshal) Baron Mannerheim government."

"As a matter of fact, while no state of war exists between Finland and the United States, we are suffering — and the Allied cause is suffering — many of the damaging effects of a declared hostility. The Finns are working in full cooperation with the Nazis in making war on our Russian ally."

Of course Helsinki maintains the fiction that the Finnish war is quite apart from the global conflict. This was emphasized at the time that Field Marshal Mannerheim visited Hitler at the latter's headquarters last June.

Well, you just can't split a hair which is so delicate as that. Mannerheim's first order of the day to his troops, as they went into battle against the Russians in June of 1941, summoned them to "a holy war against the enemy of our nation" and declared that "we set forth side by side of the mighty armed forces of Germany as their comrades in arms."

If that doesn't make the Finns the Allies of the Nazis, then language has ceased to have any meaning.

Finland is said to swarm with Germans. Field Marshal Mannerheim, who is the country's greatest hero and one of the outstanding personalities of her history, certain seems friendly enough to the Axis.

He has been decorated by the Germans and Italians until his bemedaled chest looks like that of a bandmaster. On the baron's seventy-fifth birthday last June 4, Fuehrer Hitler flew clear from Germany to Helsinki to congratulate him and present him with the Golden Grand Cross of the German Eagle. The Nazi chief was accompanied by none less than Field Marshal Keitel, chief of his high command.

Taking it all in all, it looks as though little Finland has strained the bonds of friendship with the Allies pretty hard. Indications are that she will have to make a mighty quick shift in her attitude or take the consequences in the peace conference.

The Belgian Congo has an area of almost a million square miles.

## Market Report

NEW YORK STOCKS  
-1005 -49 1/2 Diddy "MAX MON" tered stock market favorites managed to creep into plus territory today after the list had spent most of the session loafing on a slightly lower ledge.

Bullish restraints still were discerned in the threatening coal labor situation and the latest Soviet-Polish rupture.

Prices were a bit shaky from the start but absence of any real selling pressure inspired a little late support and, near the close, the direction was no worse than moderately cloudy. Variations either way usually were in legitimate fractions. The ticker tape frequently was at a standstill and transfers for the full stretch dwindled to around 800,000 shares.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK  
National Stockyards, Ill., April 27 (P)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs, 18,500; opened 15-25 later 25 - 30 lower than average Monday; sows 10-15 lower; bulk good and choice 180-310 lbs. 14.65-15; largely 14.75 early; top 14.80; 160 - 170 lbs. 14.15-15; 125-135 lbs. 13.65-14.25; 100-130 lbs. 12.65-13.50; x sows 14.35 - 65; stage mostly 14.50 down; few at 14.75.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 1,300; supplies fairly liberal in steers and market opening slow; a few medium and good light weights about steady with Monday at 14.25-15.75; heifers and cows steady; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings largely 13.00-15.50; common and medium cows 11.00 - 13.00; a few 13.50; sausage bulls steady to 25 higher; top 13.75; vealers 25 higher; good and choice 15.50; medium and vom- 13.90 - 14.55; nominal range slaughter steers 12.00-12.75; slaughter heifers 11.00-16.35; stocker and feeder steers 11.00-15.50.

Sheep, 1,000; salable supplies include holdovers and trucked in consisting of five x decks clipped lambs and few odd lots; no early action.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS  
Chicago, April 27 (P)—Liquidation of small lots of May wheat tended to weaken the market today but prices held within a narrow range. As the maturity date for government loans on 1942 cash wheat stored in warehouses approached, traders tended to restrict operations and little attention was paid to routine developments.

Rye and oats showed signs of strength but they were unable to get the market out of the rut of the past few days.

Wheat closed unchanged to 3-8 cents under Monday's final prices. May \$1.43 1/8-1/4, July \$1.43; corn was unchanged at \$1.43; May \$1.05; oats were unchanged to 1-4 higher and rye advanced 3-8 to 1-2 cent.

Cash wheat: No sales.  
Corn: No. 2 yellow 1.07; No. 2 white 1.23 1/2.  
Oats: No. 4 white 67 1/4.  
Barley malling: 95-1.07 nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON  
New York, April 27 (P)—Confusion as to how the C. C. C. cotton stabilization program will operate held cotton trading to small proportions today. The undertone was steady, partly reflecting the fact open market prices on spot cotton are somewhat under C. C. C. levels.

Late afternoon values were unchanged to 50 cents a bale higher, May 20.12, July 19.96 and Oct. 19.90.

Futures closed 20 to 60 cents a bale higher.  
May opened, 20.14; closed, 20.14  
July opened, 20.00; closed, 20.00  
Oct. opened, 19.93; closed 19.92  
Dec. opened, 19.90; closed, 19.87  
Mch. opened, 19.86; closed 19.85  
Middleling spot 22.00; up 15.  
N - Nominal.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE  
Chicago, April 27 (P)—Poultry live; 2 trucks; market unchanged.

One-Man Tank Buster  
Charlotte, N. C. —(A)—Lloyd Zedaker was doing a welding repair job atop a 150-gallon gasoline tank.

The tank exploded. Tank and Zedaker went through the air with the greatest of ease. When they landed, the tank, crinkled like an accordion, was atop Zedaker.

They pulled Zedaker out—and found that he had suffered only two broken fingers and a bruised leg.

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## Nelson Weary of Patterson, Jeffers Fight

By JACK BELL  
Washington, April 27 — (A)—Sharply critical of publicly aired "fighting" between government officials, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson testified today he believes that not only the synthetic rubber and high octane gasoline programs can be carried out this year, but also the planned production of airplanes, escort vessels and merchant shipping.

Called before the Truman committee inquiring into a dispute involving Rubber Director Jeffers, Undersecretary of War Patterson and Petroleum Administrator Ickes, Nelson said:

"Everything that can be done to expedite construction of plants for manufacture of high octane gasoline will be done," adding:

"This can be done through co-operation, not through fighting."

Without mentioning either Patterson or Jeffers by name, the war production board chairman declared:

"Any indulgence in personal rivalries in time of war is completely out of place."

Asserting that if any program has been endangered, there was an "established procedure" for review, Nelson added that nothing could be accomplished by "stirring up personal rivalries."

"I never will object to any one going to the press after all the other actions for settlement are taken," he said. "I've had experience in personal rivalries. Any indulgence of that sort in time of war is completely out of place."

Nelson said he had been informed by "some of my people" and by the office of petroleum administrator for war that if the entire synthetic rubber program were halted today the production of 100 octane airplane gasoline could not be increased.

## Jeffers Says Rubber Situation Better

Houston, Tex., April 27 (A)—Director, headed back to ashington today from an inspection of southern synthetic rubber, pants with the conviction that all's well.

"After getting out in the country and seeing what the fellows are doing here and there, I can go back to Washington with the knowledge that nothing is wrong with our country and that everything is doing well," he told newspapermen.

He intimated that his swing through the country had given him first-hand information with which to answer his critics in Washington where he plans to attend the Truman committee hearing tomorrow.

Production of high octane gasoline has not been cut short by the synthetic rubber program, he declared.

Synthetic rubber, now rolling under military vehicles, before long will be on sale for private cars, he said, and purchasers will not be able to tell any difference from natural rubber.

Synthetic rubber will be a permanent postwar industry, he added.

British Bomber Does A Loop  
London —(A)—"You can't loop a heavy bomber" is a longtime axiom in flying circles but a British Lancaster, one of the heaviest planes in the air, recently did a complete loop during a raid over Germany and did it with a full load of many tons of bombs.

It wasn't an intentional loop, but happened while the four-engined plane was in a steep climb and a large shell exploded just beneath it, tossing it over on its back. The pilot retained control and carried it out through the loop, coming out of it in a dive that probably the ship's speed past 400 m.p.h. The plane not only was unharmed, but flew on to its objective and dropped its bombs. After its return to base it was examined carefully from prop to rudder. No structural damage was found.

## Ball Attendance in Southern Loop Is Satisfactory

By PHIL CLARKE  
Atlanta, April 27 — (A)—The 1943 baseball season is still romping around in knee pants down south, but Southern Association ball clubs view attendance figures for the 13 games to date as plainly satisfactory.

Despite wartime transport action problems and the knotty player puzzles most teams are having to solve, 35,840 fans have twirled the turnstiles at four Southern ball parks. This averages around 2,500 customers per game which can be counted on as paying the freight.

The approximate attendance figures are:  
Atlanta (four games) — 10,042.  
Birmingham (four games) — 10,042.  
Little Rock (three games) — 7,000.  
Chattanooga (two games) — 6,002.

When the loop swings into a full round of action today, Twilight encounters are scheduled between Nashville and Atlanta and Memphis and Little Rock. Afternoon games are on tap between Chattanooga and Knoxville and New Orleans and Birmingham.

The Atlanta Crackers evened up their series with Nashville last night, staving off a ninth inning volunteer sprung to win, 8-6.

The Chattanooga Lookouts lost their regular rightfielder for about three weeks when an X-ray revealed that Dave Smith had suffered a fractured left thumb during a recent practice game. J. D. Langley, lanky freshman outfielder, will take over Smith's post.

From the Memphis club came word that Manager Doc Prothro had nominated Ace Southpaw Frank Veverka for pitching chores when the Chicks open their home season Thursday against Birmingham.

Today's games and probable starting pitchers:  
Memphis (McClure or Walker) at Little Rock (Lopat); Knoxville (Warchol) at Chattanooga (Cathey); New Orleans (Horn or Danna) at Birmingham (Lively); Nashville (Alderson) at Atlanta (Cozart).

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any quit rolling ground beyond the first time he had abandoned defensible high ground without a fight.

As in the drive last November, the Allied gain toward Tebourba, threatened to divide the Germans into two pockets around Bizerte and Tunis.

"German strength is being hourly reduced and it has developed into a question of how long he can stand it," a military source said in announcing that British tank losses had been light in the Pont Du Fahs thrust.

The Germans were still trying desperately to reinforce their bridgehead, however, and the lack of weather lifted the cloak of fog from the Sicilian strait the Allied air force struck a heavy blow at the supply lines.

Fighting bombers striking south of the island of Marettimo, west of Sicily, "blew up one motor barge, left two ships burning and one with its port stern under the water, while another vessel was seen to capsize," said an air forces statement.

Besides the Flying Fortress stroke past Rome, American Liberators plastered a quarter million pounds of bombs on Bari air-drome, an Italian port on the Adriatic, it was reported from the desert air force. In other attacks off the east coast of Greece a small vessel was sunk and two schooners set afire.

Other overseas attacks included a raid on Augusta, Sicily, by bombers from Malta, a block-buster assault by the RAF's Wellingtons on Decimomannu, Elmas and Villacidro airfields in Sardinia and other attacks by American Mitchells and Marauders on docks at Porto Forte Romano in Southwest Sardinia.

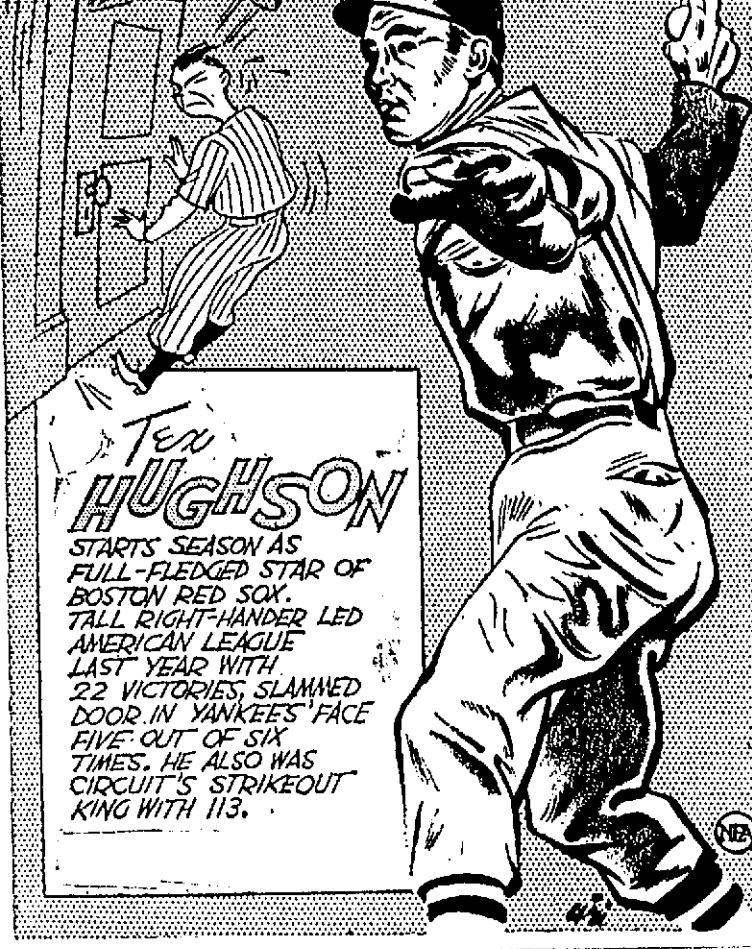
Railroad objectives at Tebourba and Mateur also were blasted. Tactical air force bombers and fighters delivered one of the heaviest cooperative blows of the campaign against German ground forces, shooting at German defense positions around Pont Du Fahs, Ksar Tyr and Tebourba.

Altogether 11 enemy planes were shot down yesterday, compared with 11 missing Allied aircraft, the announcement said.

A Few Friends  
Has. Kus. — Miss Dorothy Pope came from Dallas, Texas to marry Aviation Cadet Charles Merritt. Neither knew anyone here to invite — and although they wanted to be married in a church, they didn't want it to be a empty church.

They published a newspaper invitation to everyone interested. The church overflowed.

## Four-Star Pitcher



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.  
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, April 27 — (A)—Maybe what's been said about the new bloopers baseball is true, but And Coakle, former major league player and manager and coach at Columbia for more years than you can remember, figures that lack of training this spring has a lot to do with the low hit games.

Andy's Lions have played with both the old and the new baseballs this spring and, while the new one is a lot slower, he claims it will go if its hit right.

Quote, Unquote  
"They haven't had any real practice this spring because of the weather," Coakle points out. "The only way you can get hitting practice is to hit."

Those general conditioning exercises the players endured in camp, he says, may have helped the pitchers to get in shape for throwing, which would be another point on their side. "You know what the colleges are doing," And a s k s.

"The ones with good hitting teams are using the old livelier ball. We're using the new one at Columbia."

## Sports Mention

W. E. Boeing, the airplane man, hasn't seen his two derby candidates, Slide Rule and Twosies, since he bought them. And he's too busy with war work to watch them run for the roses.

Capt. Dan Topping, owner of the football Dodgers, got a plane prior for his wife, Sonja Lennie, when they went west last week but had to take the train himself. Sonja was on her way to a Red Cross benefit but Dan was just a Marine on leave.

Former Trans-Mississippi Golf champion, now is punching cows in Nevada. — Eddie Arcano, hopeful that his jockey's license will be restored before too long, is about the most popular exercise boy at Belmont Park these days. — Earl Reynolds, the old-time skater who has a couple of roller-skating acts in the circuit.

## Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press  
Evidence, R. I. — Tony Costa, 128 1/4, Woonsocket, R. I., outpointed Jackie Callahan, 127 1/2, Hamilton Ont. (10) (non-title).

Philadelphia — Willic Pep, 128, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Jackie Wilson, 127, Pittsburgh (10) Non-title.

Boston — Sunny Horne, 137 3/4, Niles, Ohio, and Larry Pacino, 158 3/4, Boston, drew (10).  
Scranton, Pa. — Andrew (Indian) Gomez, 157, New York, outpointed Neil Miller, 152, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (10).  
Newark — Curtis Sheppard, 185 1/2, Pittsburgh, knocked out Pvt. Clint Conway, 179, Newark and U. S. Army (10).  
Holyoke, Mass. — Al Johnson, 149, New Orleans, outpointed Ernie (Cal) Robinson, 147, New York. (10).  
Chicago — Joe Maxlin, 183, Cleveland, outpointed Al Jordan, 186, Cleveland, Kansas City (10).  
Oklahoma City — Buddy Scott, 158, Tampa, Fla., knocked out Ne-

## Attendance Test As Major Clubs Resume Play

By JUDSON BAILEY  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
The major leagues will undergo another attendance test from base ball fans, or vice versa, today as the National and American leagues present their "second openers" the home debuts of the clubs which have been on the road since the start of the season.

Advance estimates were that about 90,000 fans would turn out for the eight games and if the predictions are fulfilled baseball not only will have its biggest day of the spring, but will have a load lifted off its collective mind.

The schedule and the expected attendance:  
National league — Boston at New York 15,000; Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 15,000; Chicago at St. Louis 16,000; Brooklyn at Philadelphia 7,000.

American league — St. Louis at Detroit 25,000; New York at Boston 10,000; Cleveland at Chicago 5,000; Philadelphia at Washington 4,000.

Up till now attendance at games has been far below expectations and observers have been casting around for explanations as well as solutions. The approximate total turnout for 27 ball games (double headers counted as one, of course) has been 248,000 divided 126,400 in the National League for 13 dates and 121,600 in the American League for 14 dates.

That amounts to less than an average of 10,000 in spite of the fact that the figures include opening day, Saturday and Sunday — usually three peaks. Only two games, the inaugurals at Washington and Cincinnati, have drawn as many as 20,000 fans.

Baseball magnates are hopeful they can find the answer to the mystery of what has become of the almost fanatic followers who once flocked to their parks rain or shine, good teams or bad.

Two National League clubs, the Cincinnati Reds and the Phillies already have announced forthcoming experiments with morning games. Most of the members of the senior circuit also have decided to use last year's baseballs till a new and livelier model of the 1943 ball can be produced.

The Brooklyn Dodgers returned to the 1942 ball over the weekend. The New York Giants will use it today in their home opener with the Braves at the Polo Grounds. The Pittsburgh Pirates, the Philadelphia Phillies, the St. Louis Cardinals also have placed hasty orders for supplies of last year's balls and will put them in use as soon as they arrive.

## Nazis, Japs Almost Same Grew Asserts

Montreal, April 26 — (A)—Joseph C. Grew, former U. S. ambassador to Tokyo, declared today that the United Nations' plan for the destruction of Germany and Japan was "perfectly co-ordinated and timed," and designed to do the worst that can be done to each of them while fighting both.

In an address prepared for delivery at the opening of the Fourth Canadian Victory Loan campaign, Grew emphasized that the war against Japan and Germany was the same war, "one and indivisible," and that Japan is being defeated in North Africa, because, "we fight Japan in Africa and the Mediterranean even as we fight Germany in Asia and the Pacific."

The North African campaign means much to the Tokyo militarists, the former ambassador continued, but, "if they do not see this stark truth, so much the better for us, and the more deluded they."

"What defeats the German aggressor will defeat the Japanese aggressor," Grew said. "It is a matter of the simplest and most elementary truth that the Chinese are veritably fighting Germany in the far interior of Shansi and Yunan, just as we are fighting Japan both in the Pacific and in the skies of Europe."

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## Hope Native Dies Monday at El Paso

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## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press  
Today a Year Ago  
Alsb. Kentucky Derby threat, suffered slight leg cut in stall at Louisville.

Three Years Ago  
Joe DiMaggio's knee still causing trouble and New York Yankee outfielder to be out for possibly a month.

Five Years Ago  
Joe Medwick, National League batting champ, back in lineup for first time as St. Louis Cardinals blanked Cincinnati Reds, 5-0.

## Army Still Short of Equipment

New York, April 26 — (A)—The Army, instead of accumulating a surplus of munitions, is so far from its needs that it will not be able to furnish all troops with basic equipment until late next year, Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell said today.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the commanding general of the army service forces asserted categorically "there have been no huge accumulations of stores which could not be moved overseas."

"In point of fact," he added, "we are still not free from difficulties in providing essential cargo for the shipping which is available to us."

Widespread discussion of recent reductions in the production program for the ground forces, Somervell said, has failed to take into account that the action concerned future schedules, not current production, which is still increasing at a rate of about \$100,000,000 a month.

Moreover, this rate of increase must be maintained through most of 1943 if we are to reach our goal," the general added.

Branding reports of a munitions surplus and rumors that the armaments industry was shifting from military to civilian production as Axis inspired propaganda designed to slow up the war effort Somervell declared that "victory is not just around the corner."

He paid his caustic respects to "the drugstore admirals and the powder room generals," and said specifically:

"We are not neglecting the Southwest Pacific. We are not neglecting the submarine. We are not neglecting the civilian economy. We are not neglecting the rights of labor. We are not neglecting industry's rights."

"We are giving each of these, we think, consideration in its proper proportion and at the proper time."

"But the one thing above all else we do not neglect is the business of winning the war."

Overseas needs are being met, the general said, but we are providing our own troops in training this year with only a part of major critical items.

"However, our Allies who have been equipping their armies for a much longer period of time should be provided with their capital needs by the end of the year, although our own army will not be so equipped until late in 1944. As this capital equipment is provided, our production rates for the included items will be established to provide the replacement necessary for losses through normal attrition and through battle."

In the Southwest Pacific, Somervell said, "we are getting out to General MacArthur every plane, every tank, every gun, every round of ammunition that it is humanly possible to send," but he added that the requirements of the troops in Africa also had to be supplied, and "we cannot allow fire-side strategists to stampede us into neglecting one theater for the sake of another."

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**Flashes of Life**  
By The Associated Press  
Change of Heart  
Frankfort, Ind. — "I thought I wanted to be a thief, but I guess I don't," said a note to a proprietor whose drug store was burglarized of \$50.

Accompanying the note was the \$50 and an extra dollar to repair the front door lock, which the conscience-stricken burglar had broken to gain entrance.

Standdown  
Grand Island, Neb. From Lieutenant colonel to private in a day was the experience of Lawrence Huwaldt, senior student at the University of Nebraska.

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